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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I have been using a local broadband service for the past 6 yrs at my home. I make this choice because I will always choose a local, small business over a mega conglomerate corporation. It is dangerous to allow 1 or 2 telecommunication companies to control the market. We know this! This used to be protected against, but now we are seeing a shift to allow monopolies on our basic services.

I am a small business owener and I work from my home. The service that my local provider offers me is my preference over AT&T (which I used to have) or Verizon or comcast. I have the right to make this choice, but that means these small, local services have to be protected from the monopoly.

I support broadband competition!!!!!

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